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**Subject:** Fw: Dimock - Request for Ceiling Increase

Rich, This email confirms the verbal approval I just provided to you over the telephone. This action approves an increase of \$275,000 in the project ceiling for the Dimock Residential Groundwater site from \$225, 000 to \$500,000. Please document the verbal approval in a Special Bulletin as soon as possible. As we discussed I would also like us to prepare over the next couple of weeks an amended Action Memo which consolidates the various verbal approvals that have been provided since the original Action Memo was signed on January 19, 2012.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call me. Thanks, den.

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Dennis -

The Office of Emergency Management concurs in raising the ceiling.

Please keep us posted on further developments.

Best regards -  
 Larry

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Date: 03/09/2012 03:16 PM

Subject: Dimock - Request for Ceiling Increase

**Purpose:** The purpose of this email is to formally seek your concurrence on an increase to the project ceiling for the Dimock Residential Groundwater Site located in Susquehanna Co., PA. The increase proposed is for \$275,000 which would bring the total project ceiling to \$500, 000. Outlined below is the basis for this request.

**Background:** On January 19, 2012, Dana Tulis, acting on your behalf concurred on an Action Memorandum (Memo) to take actions at the Dimock Residential Groundwater Site including the provision of bulk and bottled water to 4 homes. The Action Memo, which I subsequently signed, also on January 19, 2012, also included sampling at approximately 61 homes. After both PADEP and Cabot declined offers to provide alternate water to the four homes, the OSC used a regional ERRS contractor to provide the bulk and bottled water and to support command post logistical support activities. Initial estimates were that the original project ceiling would be sufficient for approximately one month. On February 9, 2012 after receiving your concurrence I provided a verbal approval to the OSC raising the project ceiling to \$225,000. At that time we noted that the funding increase would be sufficient for approximately 5 weeks.

Attached below and embedded into this email is the request I received from the OSC outlining his request for additional funding for the project.

**Conclusion:** A project ceiling increase of \$ 275,000 bringing the total project ceiling to \$500,000 would enable the OSC to continue to provide alternate water to the original four homes for approximately 10 additional weeks. During that time the Region anticipates completing a second round of sampling at a limited set of homes which will include the four homes currently receiving water and having all its analytical results for the purpose of making a final determination on any longer term need for alternate water.

**Costs:** With your concurrence on the proposed ceiling increase, the total project ceiling will breakout as noted below.

	Current	Proposed
ERRS	\$200,000	\$475,000
START	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Contingency	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Total	\$225,000	\$500,000

Please advise if we need to discuss this request.

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March 9, 2012

Subject: Increase in Dimock Residential Groundwater Site Ceiling

From: Richard M. Fetzer, OSC

To: Dennis P. Carney, Director  
 Office of Preparedness and Response

Issue: On January 19, 2012 you approved an action memorandum to take actions at the Dimock Residential Groundwater Site including the provision of bulk and bottled water to 4 homes. The action also included sampling at approximately 61 homes. The site ceiling for that action was set at \$100,000. In order to implement these actions the OSC has used ERRS to provide the bulk and bottled water and to support command post logistical support activities. On February 9, 2012, I received your verbal approval to increase the site ceiling from \$100,000 to \$225,000. In documenting that increase, the OSC estimated that the additional funding would carry the project through approximately March 10, 2012. The current monthly cost for this action for ERRS is estimated at approximately \$105,000 which includes a small savings each week resulting from reduced water deliveries because of the provision of larger water storage tanks at homes. At the current time based on the burn rate we estimate that we have sufficient funding to continue water deliveries through approximately March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Estimated Schedule: At the current time based on the first round of sampling results we are proposing to continue to provide alternate water to the original 4 homes while a second round of sampling is performed and data analyzed. At that point we are pretty confident we will be able to make a determination on whether water needs to be provided longer-term or whether we can halt the delivery of alternate water. If a long-term arrangement is needed we intend to review options for providing that water as outlined in the original action memorandum. Providing sufficient time for the sampling, lab analysis, and QA/QC plus an appropriate evaluation of all information to formulate a decision on future actions will result in a need to continue to provide water until the middle to the end of May 2012. The cost estimate to continue site operations for those approximately 11 weeks is \$275,000. In order to continue site operations to May 31, 2012, I am requesting that a site ceiling increase be increased by \$275,000 raising the ceiling from \$225,000 to \$500,000.

Costs:

	Current	Proposed
ERRS	\$200,000	\$475,000
START	\$ 10,000	\$10,000
Contingency	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
	\$225,000	\$500,000